

Shooting Affray.

An unfortunate difficulty, terminating in death, occurred in this city on Sunday morning Feb. 1st.

It commenced at the Postoffice between ten and eleven in the morning by Mr. B. C. Howell, shoe maker, presenting an account to Mr. David Simon for goods alleged to have been furnished him some time ago. Mr. Simon is a brother-in-law of Mr. Oppenheimer, of this place. He has been living in Louisville, but of late has been engaged in partnership with Mr. O. in the purchase of old iron, leather, etc.

Mr. Simon disputed the account and some angry words ensued. When Howell put his hands to his pocket to draw a pistol, Simon seeing this, and being a large, powerful man, grappled with Howell, threw him down and took his pistol from him. It had never been drawn till Simon himself took it in his pocket, but Howell's hand was on it ready to draw it. They were now separated and Simon proceeded up Franklin street with the purpose of surrendering the pistol to Esquire Caldwell at the livery stable, corner of Franklin and Second, Howell meantime had hastened to his shop on Strawberry alley, procured a shiving knife there and pursued Simon, overtaking him at the crossing of Franklin and Second, where he attacked him again. Simon still held the pistol, but did not fire it till after having retreated in a circle three times, facing his antagonist. Then he fired, hitting Howell in the breast, who did not fall, but continued to pursue Simon, who then for the first time turned his back and ran into the livery stable. By this time Policeman Phillips came up, took the weapons from both parties and arrested them. On seeing his knife, Howell fell and was carried to the Southern Hotel, where Dr. Bailey took charge of him. The ball had entered the chest a little below the right nipple, passed through the right lung, wounded the upper surface of the liver and lodged in the back about half an inch under the skin. He seemed to be doing well at first, but died the next (Monday) morning exactly twenty-four hours after he was wounded. An inquest was held on the body soon after and by Coroner Bailey a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts above stated.

Mr. Simon had been taken to jail, from which he was released on bail to the amount of \$2,000 by Esq. Read, who set 10 o'clock on the 3d inst. for his preliminary trial. Evidence being there given to the same facts, the case was pronounced justifiable homicide.

It is the universal opinion here that Mr. Simon did nothing but what he was compelled to do in self-defense, at the same time that sincere sorrow is manifested for the untimely death of Robert Howell, who was respected as an honest, upright and brave man. He was a resolute assessor of what he considered his rights, but unhappily was liable to lose all control of his passions in asserting them, hence the tragical affair of last Sunday.

Great Snow Fall.

After an unprecedented exemption from wintry weather during January, a very heavy fall of snow took place on Monday, the 2d inst. Snow commenced falling at Nashville, Memphis, Louisville and Clarksville simultaneously, and in all probability further intelligence may show the phenomenon to have been still more widely spread than that. We were in Nashville when the falling commenced between ten and eleven in the morning, and so rapidly did it accumulate that sleighing was going on rapidly by four o'clock P. M., at which time we started for Clarksville. It had covered the track so deeply as to necessitate the use of the snow plov and to seriously impede the rate of travel, our arrival in Clarksville being more than two hours behind the schedule time. On Tuesday morning the whiteness of the whole country was perfectly dazzling, but, alas! the beautiful snow is now no longer beautiful, the reign of slush having commenced, to the intense disgust of walkers and street commissioners.

To Prof. Meininger.

DEAR SIR: We the undersigned, citizens of Clarksville, having a high appreciation of your talents as a musical teacher and director, and of your earnest endeavor to elevate and encourage our local talent to a higher standard of culture and proficiency, would be pleased to show our appreciation of your efforts by attending a concert for your benefit, to be given by you, aided by whatever local talent you may desire to get to assist you, and at whatever time and place you may designate. Hoping you will favor us, we are, yours respectfully,

W. A. Faxon, Clerk of the Board of Music.

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